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The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

INFORMATION FOR THE PEOPLE.

THE first Methodist Missionary Society in Canada was organized in 1824. At that time, two or three men were trying to reach scattered bands of Indians. The income of the Society for the first year was only about $140.

Now there are about 900 persons employed in the work of the Society as Missionaries, Teachers, Native Agents, and Interpreters, and the income of the Society for 1899-1900 was $[illegible]. The field of operation now includes the whole of the Dominion, Newfoundland, and Bermuda, with a successful Foreign Mission in Japan, and another in West China. The work is divided into the following departments:

1. **Domestic Missions.**—These are among English-speaking people, chiefly in the new settlements of the old Provinces, and in the North-West, British Columbia, and Newfoundland.

2. **Indian Missions.**—These are, with one exception, in the Province of Ontario, the North-West, and British Columbia. They are 61 in number, with 38 Missionaries, 10 Assistants, 35 Teachers, 11 Interpreters; total, 94.

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The membership is 5,055. About 16,000 Indians are under our care.

3. **French Missions.**—These are located in the Province of Quebec, among people speaking the French tongue. Missions, 7; Missionaries, 4. The present membership is 307. There are marked signs of encouragement in this field. Let us be up and doing, pushing the battle to the gate.

4. **Chinese Missions in B.C.**—In the spring of 1885 a Mission was begun among the Chinese of Victoria, B.C. We have now 5 Missions, with 3 Missionaries, 2 Assistants, and 2 Teachers; total, 7.

5. **Japanese Mission in B.C.**—In 1896 a Mission was begun among the Japanese in [redacted] where a native Missionary, Rev. [redacted]agi, now resides. There are native [redacted] at Victoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo, [redacted]berland. Missions, 3; Missionary, 1; [redacted] 3; Membership, 172.

6. **Japan Mission.**—This, our first Foreign [redacted] was begun in 1873. In that important [redacted] we have now 25 Mission Stations, 8 [redacted] Missionaries, 22 Native ordained Pastors, 33 Native Assistants, 15 Teachers; total, 78. The membership is 2,381. Christianity is now being recognized by the most "advanced minds" as the important factor in the uplifting of the nation, and is likely to receive greater and more sympathetic attention than heretofore.

7. **West China Mission.**—The work was proceeding in a most hopeful way, but has been suddenly and completely interrupted by popular outbreaks, such as have occurred in most parts of the empire. Our Missionaries all reached the coast in safety, and are awaiting the earliest opportunity of returning to their work. Let earnest prayer be offered for China.

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EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES

The McDougall Orphanage.—Concerning this institution, located at Morley, N.W.T., an addition is being put to the building which will afford increased accommodation. Indian youth of both sexes (some orphans), are received, and, besides school instruction, are taught various useful employments.

Red Deer Institute.—This Industrial Institute for Indian children accommodates nearly 100 pupils. It is of great advantage to the Indians of Battle River, Bear's Hill, White Fish Lake, Saddle Lake, White Whale Lake, etc.

Brandon Institute.—At Brandon, Man., there is a commodious Institute and farm. The building will accommodate 100, and is quite full. It will be of great service to the Indian children around Lake Winnipeg, and to the North and East.

The Coqualeetza Institute at Chilliwack, B.C., for Indian youth, is under the joint support of the General Society and the Woman's Missionary Society. It is an important educational undertaking, from which good results have already been secured. There are about 100 pupils at present on the roll, in charge of a Principal, Matron, School Teacher, Farm and Mechanical Instructor, Seamstress, etc. Carpentry and shoemaking are taught, and other trades may be added.

Muncey Institute.—This is located about twelve miles from St. Thomas, Ont., and is of long standing. There is a farm of 200 acres, and a substantial new building has been erected that will accommodate 100 pupils. A most successful Institute.

French Methodist Institute.—A building to accommodate 100 resident pupils was erected some years ago at Westmount, Montreal, as a

cost of $50,000 for site, building, and equipment. Results already demonstrate the wisdom of the policy which led to this Forward Movement in educational work.

NOTE.—Persons or Societies desirous of making donations of clothing, bedding, etc., to any of our Indian Institutes or Missions, should communicate with Mrs. Rev. Dr. Briggs, 21 Grenville Street, Toronto.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR MISSIONS

This is, in many respects, one of the most remarkable movements of recent times, and is commended to the wise and sympathetic guidance of our ministers, and the prayerful sympathy of the whole Church. Already it has turned the attention of thousands of our young people to the great cause of Missions, led them to pray earnestly for the coming of the Kingdom, brought them into sympathetic touch with the work of the General Board, developed an intelligent loyalty to the Church of their choice, and, by the method of weekly givings, is training them in habits of systematic beneficence. Contributions last year from Epworth Leagues aggregated $18,313.57. This year it is expected they will make a good advance on this amount. On many districts the Leagues have organized for the support, in whole or in part, of a Missionary in the Foreign or Indian field, and the movement is spreading rapidly. Our College Societies are joining with the Leagues, and all are showing a commendable spirit by falling into line with the General Board in its Missionary work.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Our Sunday Schools and Juvenile Collectors have been valuable helpers in the past, and will

in years to come. The income from this source is $22,219.77, which is a falling off of some $35 below the previous year, and it is hoped that a brave effort will be made this year to fully recover lost ground. A great many Sunday Schools do nothing for Missions. We invite all such to join in the good work without delay.

SPECIAL OBJECTS

Some of our Sunday Schools, and many of our Epworth Leagues, desire to contribute to some special object, but wisely leave the selection of that object to the Missionary Board and its officers, as they are familiar with the whole field, and know where help is most needed. In cases where sums of only from $25 to $100 can be raised, they might be utilized to support a boy or girl in one of our schools in China, or in an Indian Institute. Somewhat larger sums would support a native worker in the Foreign field; but where the Leagues in a whole district unite, they may be able, in many cases, to support a white Missionary in the Indian or Foreign work, where from $800 to $1,200 will be required.

WHAT IS WANTED

To maintain and extend our Mission work, increased devotion, prayer and liberality are indispensable. Besides the work already on hand the foreigners who are coming in such numbers to our country ought to have our care and help, and this cannot be done without strong financial support. To meet this will require a large advance over last year's givings. The following table will show what was done last year, and what is expected this year in order to cover unavoidable expenditure:

INCOME.

Sources of Income.	Received Last Year.	Increase.	Decrease.
Subscriptions and Colls.	$167464 31	$3091 63	.....
Juvenile Offerings	22219 77	.....	$635 [illegible]
Epworth Leagues	18818 57	3367 85	.....
Legacies	20781 16	5681 38	.....
Indian Department	4158 69	.....	1713 [illegible]
Sundries	2601 55	697 76	.....
Total Income	$275439 05	$12358 62	$2348 [illegible]

EXPENDITURE FOR LAST YEAR

Domestic Missions, including rents to recoup donations to parsonages	$98391 40
Indian Missions	22014 42
French Missions	6560 46
Chinese Missions (British Columbia)	3656 22
Japanese " " "	1433 05
Foreign Missions—Japan	20723 89
Foreign Missions—China	9999 40
Special Grants for Purchase, Erection or Repair of Mission Property, and Interest on same	12153 55
Special Grants for Affliction and Supply	331 40
Superannuated Missionaries	4031 00
District Chairmen's Expenses	1532 90
Circuit Expenses	2879 21
Annuities	1923 [illegible]
Interest, Discounts, etc.	2172 [illegible]
Publishing Charges	5210 0[illegible]
Travelling Expenses	3342 1[illegible]
Conference Committees' and Treasurers' Expenses	341 21
Supt. of Missions, Manitoba, N.W.T., and B.C.	1600 00
Salaries	5200 00
Rent, Postage, Telegrams, Printing, etc.	3457 45
F. C. Stephenson, M.D.	500 00
Students' Campaign Movement—Expenses, etc	762 94
Woodstock District League*	455 93
Rev. J. W. Turner	500 00
Total Expenditure	$220224 48
Net Increase	23253 41

*Amount raised for support of a foreign missionary when one is appointed, and withdrawn from this year's income and placed to their credit meanwhile.

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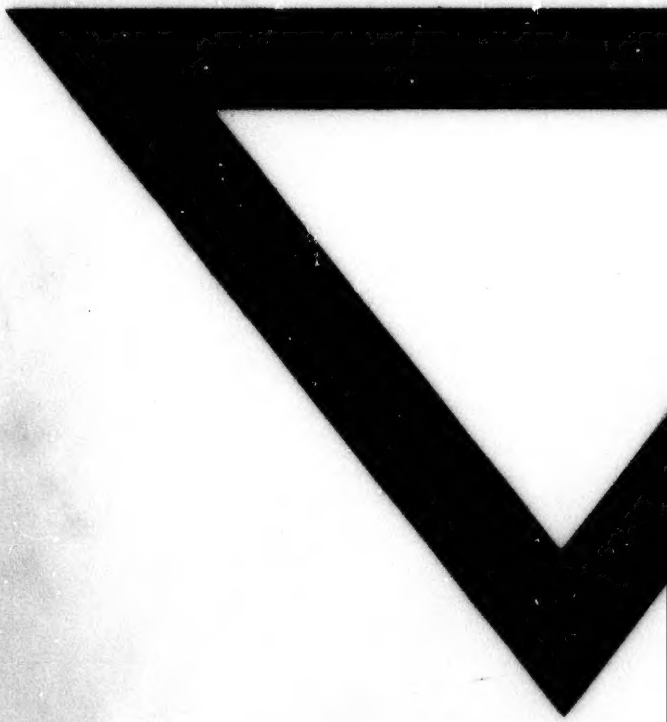
GENERAL RECAPITULATION

Departments.	Missions.	Missionaries.	Assistants.	Teachers.	Interpreters.	Total Paid Agents.	Members.
Home Missions—							
Toronto Conference....	50	49	2	..	..	52	3838
Hamilton Conference..	19	19	..	..	..	19	2258
London Conference....	13	14	..	..	..	14	1451
Bay of Quinte Conf....	26	25	2	..	..	27	3450
Montreal Conference ..	60	54	7	..	..	61	4278
Nova Scotia Conference	53	46	7	..	..	53	5174
New Brunswick & P.E.I.	51	51	1	..	..	52	5503
Newfoundland Conf	54	47	10	..	..	57	3135
Manitoba & N.-W. Conf.	86	71	13	..	..	84	5003
British Columbia Conf.	34	26	7	..	..	33	903
	446	402	50	..	..	452	40041
Indian Missions—							
Toronto Conference....	6	4	1	2	3	10	347
Hamilton Conference..	4	4	..	1	3	8	531
London Conference....	6	4	..	3	4	11	346
Bay of Quinte Conf....	4	2	..	2	..	4	224
Montreal Conference...	3	2	1	3	1	7	118
Manitoba & N.-W. Conf.	16	10	1	13	..	24	1445
British Columbia Conf..	22	12	7	11	..	30	1546
	61	38	10	35	11	94	5055
French Missions—							
Montreal Conference...	7	5	2	..	..	7	307
Chinese Missions—							
British Columbia Conf..	5	3	2	2	..	7	81
Japanese Missions—							
British Columbia Conf.	3	1	1	..	..	2	172
Foreign Missions—							
Japan Conference.....	25	21	5	..	1	27	2374
West China Mission....	2	7	..	..	..	7	..
	27	28	5	..	1	34	2374
Grand Total.....	549	477	70	37	12	596	48030

PERCENTAGE EXPENDITURE

Showing how every dollar received last ye was divided between different departments the work:

	Cents.	Mil
Domestic Missions	35	5
Indian Missions	33	2
French Missions	2	3
Chinese Missions, British Columbia	1	3
Japanese Missions, " "	0	5
Japan Mission	7	4
West China Mission	3	5
Mission Premises	4	3
Affliction and Supply	0	3
Superannuated Missionaries	1	4
District Chairmen's Expenses	0	5
Circuit Expenses	1	0
Annuities in Consideration of Donations	0	7
Interest, Discounts, etc.	0	8
Publishing Charges	1	8
Travelling Expenses	1	2
Conference Committees' and Treasurers' Expenses	0	3
Superintendent of Missions, Manitoba and N.W.T., and B.C.	0	6
Salaries	1	8
Rents, Postage, Telegrams, Stationery, etc	1	2
Expenses Students' Missionary Campaign	0	4
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